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apud principium pontis, laudes et grates reversis legionibus habentem. Tacitus does not enlarge upon the incident and leaves us to conjecture as to Agrippina's words to the returned veterans and her means of obtaining a fresh supply of hand-knit socks, home-spun tunics, all-wool pajamas and other equipment for camp and hospital. As to the *fomenta* we may suppose them to be some kind of bandages or hot poultices. But how she got enough of them, whether other ladies were present to help, or whether her own fair hands laid them on the soldiers' wounds, we are not informed. It is evident, however, from the disapproval of the whole affair by Tiberius that she must have usurped the duties of some officers and made herself unduly conspicuous. Tacitus, as usual, is unfair to Tiberius. When the Emperor heard of Agrippina's demonstrative benevolence and assumption of the functions of the general, he naturally was annoyed, for he was a man who believed thoroughly in discipline and decorum. It surely is not necessary for the historian to assume that the Emperor discovered in this action of his nephew's wife disloyal motives and unholy ambitions. And how could Tacitus ever have known what Sejanus whispered in his master's ear on this occasion? The whole question of the presence of women in the camps became a subject of debate in the Senate somewhat later (Ann. 3.33) and these activities of Agrippina were evidently referred to then. However much we may admire the good qualities of this remarkable woman, we can hardly help justifying Tiberius in his criticism in this case.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

THOMAS K. SIDEY.

GREATER BOSTON CLASSICAL CLUB

The third meeting of those interested in the formation of a Greater Boston Classical Club was held at Boston University on Saturday, November 2. Mr. Albert S. Perkins, temporary chairman, presided. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Mr. Henry Penny-packer, Head Master, Boston Latin School; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Ellen F. Pendleton, President of Wellesley College, Professor A. H. Rice, Boston University, Professor Clifford H. Moore, Harvard University; Secretary, Mr. Clarence W. Gleason, Roxbury Latin School; Treasurer, Mr. Thornton Jenkins, Head Master, Malden High School; Censor, Albert S. Perkins, Dorchester High School.

ALBERT S. PERKINS, *Censor*.

THE CLASSICAL LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA

The autumn meeting of The Classical League of Philadelphia and Vicinity was held on Thursday evening, October 31. Dinner was served at 6.45. As it was Hallow E'en the atmosphere of the evening was spiritual and metaphysical rather than philological or archaeological. Although membership in The Classical League is restricted to teachers of Latin or Greek, it has already reached the total of eighty. Miss Edith F. Rice, of the Germantown High School, the President of the League, presided. Addresses were made by Dr. Ellis A. Schnabel, of the Northeast High School, Dr. Wilton W. Blancké, of the Central

High School, Professor John C. Rolfe, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Andrew Fleming West, Dean of the Graduate School, Princeton University. The last feature on the program was an illustrated lecture on Athens by Professor Arthur W. Howes, of the Central High School.

ARTHUR W. HOWES, *Secretary*.

THE NEW YORK CLASSICAL CLUB

On November 2 The New York Classical Club held its first meeting of the season at Students' Hall, Barnard College. The general topic of the meeting was one befitting the great interest which it evoked: The Humanist's Part in the Life of Today; and the speakers were suitably presented by President MacVay as her "exhibits", for the part which several of them are taking in public affairs, no less than the things they were to say, illustrated the theme.

Professor Clifford H. Moore, of Harvard University, who is at present in charge of the War Aims Courses of the Students' Army Training Corps in the New England Colleges, spoke to the title, A Classicist's Creed, and admirably set forth the functions of the Classics in the scheme of modern education, emphasizing especially their stabilizing effect in relation to all other subjects.

Professor Frances E. Sabin, of the University of Wisconsin, whose work in the popularization of High School Latin has made her widely known, suggestively discussed the engaging question, How to make the World feel right about the Study of the Classics.

Dr. James H. Dillard, of the General Education Board, who was formerly Professor of Latin and Dean of Tulane University and is now President of the Boards which administer the Slater and Jeanes Education Funds in the interest of industrial education in the South, gave a genial testimony to the effectiveness of the study of the Classics in the development of both accuracy and culture.

At the luncheon which followed or, more properly, continued the meeting, brief addresses were made by President Woolley, of Mount Holyoke College, Dean West, of Princeton University, Dr. Carl Van Doren, of the Brearley School, and Professor Howes, of Williams College. President Woolley gave an appreciative and cheerful prophecy of the future of classical studies. Dean West set forth the purposes of the proposed new American Classical League, for which a preliminary organization was arranged at the Classical Conference in Pittsburgh last June, of which he was the chairman. Dr. Van Doren, in his address, made an interesting reference to the classical feeling of American statesmanship in the period before the Civil War and broached the far-reaching question of the new heroic cycle to emerge from the conditions surrounding the present war. Professor Howes, who is President of The Classical Association of New England, merged his relations to the Classics and to the Federal Coal Administration in a jovial conclusion to the oratory of the day.

A. P. BALL, *Censor*.

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The first meeting of The Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Liberal Studies for the current year was held on Friday evening, November 8, at Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania. The meeting took the form of a Symposium on the Value of the Classics. The topics and speakers, as announced, were as follows: Modern Languages, President W. W. Comfort, Haver-

ford College; Engineering, Professor Harold Pender, The Towne Scientific School, U. of Pa.; Law, Professor David Werner Amram, The Law School, U. of Pa.; Medicine, Dr. Charles R. Turner, Dean, The Evans Dental Institute, U. of Pa.; Biology, Professor Spencer Trotter, Swarthmore College; Historical Studies, Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., The Library, U. of Pa.; Architecture, Mr. Leicester Bodine Holland, Department of Architecture, U. of Pa.; Journalism, Mr. Fullerton L. Waldo, Associate Editor, The Public Ledger; Theology, Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, The Chapel of the Mediator; Education, Professor Frank P. Graves, The School of Education, U. of Pa.; The College Curriculum, President M. Carey Thomas, Bryn Mawr College.

This was one of the most successful meetings of the Society in respect to attendance, and one of the most inspiring in regard to subjects presented. Houston Hall was filled almost to its capacity, and with an audience not entirely composed of classicists, as too often happens.

Provost Edgar Fahs Smith, who had expected to preside, Professor Pender, and Professor Graves were unable to be present, owing to pressure of work.

All the speakers bore witness to the value of the Classics in their own fields, both for their disciplinary value and for their content.

President Comfort and President Thomas both said that the students in Modern Languages who did the best work were those who had had Latin or Greek. President Thomas expressed the hope that here in the East, at least, we should be able to hand down to the next generation the College curricula, improved, but unimpaired.

Professor Amram said that a lawyer needs Latin, not only on account of the Latin terms still used in law, but because the Roman law is the foundation of our own, and for the understanding of this translations were inadequate. A lawyer needs, also, a wide culture, an ability to use English such as can be gained only from a training in Latin. He said humorously that the West had become so democratic as to expect a lawyer to understand neither Latin nor law.

Professor Trotter spoke of Latin scientific names, which mean much more to a student who understands the story told by those names.

The Reverend Mr. Osgood expressed an idea new to many, that classical literature is, for us, the Old Testament, of which the New is the fulfillment; that our conception of Christianity is based on Greek and Roman philosophy, not on the Hebrew. On this account the student of divinity must have a classical training.

To Professor G. D. Hadzsits, of the University of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Program Committee, belongs the credit for the success of this meeting. He is making arrangements for having the program, in whole, or in part, repeated before the Contemporary Club, of this city. Such publicity given to the opinions of eminent men cannot fail to have its effect on the public.

At the December meeting of the Society addresses will be delivered on the theme, Cultural Studies and Citizenship; at a meeting to be held in January or February, Educational Reconstruction will be discussed. The annual meeting will be held in March.

The officers of the Society for the current year are, President, W. W. Comfort, Haverford College; Vice-President, George Depue Hadzsits, University of Pennsylvania; Secretary, Bessie R. Burchett, South Philadelphia High School for Girls; Treasurer, Fred J. Doolittle, The Episcopal Academy.

BESSIE R. BURCHETT, *Secretary*.

LATIN AND MEDICINE

The readers of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY may be interested, as I was, in the reasons given by W. A. Bastedo, Ph.G., M.D., in his *Materia Medica* (1915), page 541, for the use of Latin in prescriptions:

(1) Latin is a universal language, and so is readable anywhere.

(2) It is a dead language, and so is not subject to change.

(3) It is the language of science, and so is explicit, and not ambiguous. In the names of plant-drugs, for example, *Aristolochia serpentaria* always stands for the same plant wherever it is grown, while its English synonym, snakeweed, is applied to different plants in different localities.

(4) It may be advisable to keep from the patient the nature of the drug. Patients have many preconceptions and prejudices regarding drugs. One patient assures the doctor that he is always made ill by calomel or phenacetin, yet obtains great benefit from a prescription for *hydrargyri chloridum mite* or *acetphenetidin*.

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PASSERES

Noctem soletis gutturo garrulo
lentam fugare ac somnia pellerē
dulcis quietis, solis albi
dum iubar incipit emicare.

Qui pipiat, praetrepidans genus,
laete vagantes et struitis domos
parvas renidentesque, avete,
turba sonans per amena rura.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

EUGENE J. STRITTMATTER¹.

He came and took me by the hand
Up to a red rose tree,
He kept His meaning to Himself
But gave a rose to me.

I did not pray Him to lay bare
The mystery to me,
Enough, the rose was Heaven to smell,
And His own face to see.

RALPH HODGSON.

εὐφραίνων ἐμέ καὶ λαβῶν
χειρὸς ἡγέ μ' ἐν' ἀνθεα
συλλέξῃ, ῥόδα καὶ κρίνα·
σιωπῶν δὲ θαλλὸν ἐμοί
δῶκε καὶ καλὸν ἄνθος· σι—
γῶντα δ' αὐτὸν ἀποβλέπουσα
ἤσθην· ἀλλὰ θαῦμα παρῆν—
ὥς πᾶς ὁ λειριβεῖς
ῥόδα κρίνα τε φέρων παράδει--
σος πικρὰντος ἔρωτος.

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